



Midhurst Town Council

A Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee took place on
Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.00pm at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Coote, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr M. Purves and Cllr D. Fraser

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

Also Present: Sharon Hurr, Town Clerk and RFO

P/178/21 – Apologies for Absence – None.

P/179/21 - Declarations of Interest – None

P/180/21 - To approve Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th October 2021

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Fraser, unanimously agreed.

P/181/21 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 11th October 2021 - None

P/182/21 - Public Participation Session - There was no public participation. Meeting Reconvened.

Cllr Purves arrived at 19.05

P/183/21 - Planning Applications

183.1 SDNP/21/04787/FUL

Erection of 1 no. building for storage, for a temporary period of 4 years.

1 Woods Building, The Wharf Midhurst GU29 9PX

Decision: Midhurst Town Council (MTC) object to the planning application based on the following factors:

- a. Length of period sought. 2 years would be more sensible period. A 4 year period would suggest an established unit, which is not the intent.
- b. While the Council are keen to support employment within the town, the building is not appropriate in style and structure given it is within a conservation area.

183.2 SDNP/21/05093/HOUS

Single Storey Rear Extension.

6 Taylors Field Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9PH

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application.

183.3 SDNP/21/04840/FUL

Replace 49 no. existing single-glazed, black steel casements windows with double-glazed slimline aluminium casement windows.

Midhurst Post Office Grange Road Midhurst GU29 9LR

Decision: MTC has no objection to this application, providing the replacement windows retain the original profile, style and colour.

183.4 SDNP/21/04751/HOUS

Erection of single storey front extension, side car port, installation of rear dormer, front rooflights and conversion of loft space into a habitable room.

1 Taylors Field Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9PH

Decision: MTC have no objection to this application

P/184/21 – Town Centre Planning – Disability Access

Following a survey by two local residents, who both use electric wheelchairs, to identify disability access issues within the town, information was passed to Mrs Phillipa McCullough, who in turn provided the information to WSCC and County Cllr Kate O’Kelly. County Cllr O’Kelly while supporting the need to build this into the Vision process, believes that the issues raised by this report require more urgent action and will progress it with the relevant people within WSCC. It was noted that the area surveyed extends the area that Deacon Design are concentrating on and includes Easebourne. However, key areas of the survey will need to be considered, for example, Riverbank Surgery is a significant access point.

Action: Cllr Coote to liaise with Mrs McCullough regarding the Vision requirement and the scope for Deacon Design.

P/185/21 – Pollution of the River Rother

The River Rother flows through the South Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and since 2011, a designated national park. Flows in the river are swelled by discharges from several sewage treatment works. The entire river, including parts of some of its tributaries, is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance by the local authorities through which it flows, in recognition of its value for wildlife. The quality of the water is generally good, however, some of the small streams in the upper reaches are polluted by discharges of effluent which are not licensed, and there are areas where the water in the aquifer, and hence the river, has raised levels of nitrates, largely caused by agricultural fertilisers.

Concern has been raised about the pollution and it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Watts should write a paper for future consideration by the committee, which focuses on pollution within the Midhurst area of the River Rother.

Action: Cllr Watts to deliver a report to the committee about the levels of pollution with the River Rother.

P/186/21 – Decisions

None.

P/187/21 – Actions

The actions were provided to the committee before the meeting. There was one outstanding action. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that he had engaged with Tesco's regarding the choice of local charities within the store but was still awaiting a response.

P/188/21 - Matters of Report – None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.33pm.

Signed: Date:.....
Chairman